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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 and 9-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 5-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4 and 9-14, are drawn to method of forming an extended tab label, classified in class 707, subclass 101.
 - II. Claims 5-8, are drawn to a label article, classified in class 283, subclass 101.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as inputting patient information in a file folder, and typing information on a file folder.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Attorney Robert Schwartz on March 13, 2006, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of GroupII, claims 5-8. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims

1-4, and 9-14 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Instance (4,850,613) in view of Schafer (DE-3,924,790).

Instance discloses in Fig. 4 and 5, a label comprising: a first side (32A (attached to container), 4A, 6A, 8A) having a first adhesive portion (32A on substrate 32) and a second adhesive portion (30 on 8A), wherein the first adhesive portion adheres to a container; and wherein the second adhesive portion includes a liner (8A) that adheres to the first side; a second side opposite the first side displaying information indicia (Col. 2, lines 60-63).

However, Instance does not disclose a first side adhering to less than a full circumference of a bottle container.

Schafer discloses in Fig. 2, a first side (13) having an adhesive portion (not shown, but is side facing the bottle) adhering to less than half the circumference of the bottle.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Instance's label with a first adhesive portion covering less than half the circumference of a bottle container as taught by Schaffer for providing a more secured adhesion to a container.

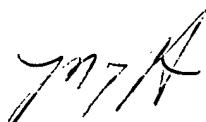
In regards to **Claims 5, 6, 7 and 8**, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include any type of indicia on the label side as desired by the end user, since it would only depend on the intended use of the assembly and the desired information to be displayed. Further, it has been held that when the claimed printed matter is not functionally related to the substrate, it will not distinguish the invention from the prior art in terms of patentability. The fact that the content of the printed matter placed on the substrate may render the device more convenient by providing an end user with a specific type of information document or form does not alter the functional relationship. Mere support by the substrate for the printed matter is not the kind of functional relationship necessary for patentability. Therefore, it would have been obvious to place any type of indicia on the label side, since applicant has not disclosed the criticality of having particular on the label side, and the invention would operate equally as well with any type of informative indicia as desired by the end user.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Robertson, Sellars, Maliszewski et al, Scott, De Werra et al, Girerd, Dimelis et al, Sherwick et al, Haines, Franko et al, Mehta, Tuszkiewicz, Brown et al, Mangini et al, Ingle, Brown, Gorton, Key, and Levin et al disclose similar labels.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477, and informal fax number is (571) 273-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Boyer Ashley, can be reached at (571) 272-4502. The formal fax number for TC 3700 is (571) 273-8300.



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